

PEA Committee

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Aloha Chairperson Yuilei Sugimura

I submitted this testimony to your Committee for consideration

mahalo for your attention

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Subject: RE: Item PEA 87 Agenda 8/20/18 - Aloha Testimony urging non action or adoption of the proposed resolution disapproving the appointment of Director of DWS
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Aloha Chairperson Yui Lei Sugimura and members of this Committee,

I am submitting written testimony attached here regarding the finding of fact portion of the proposed

resolution and the Committee not act at today's meeting because no facts relevant to compliance with administrative

requirements are presented in order to justify its conclusion of approval or disapproval; further that it appears the

Honorable former Chairperson of this Council is being flattered and manipulated in a way the may tarnish the integrity

of its service. Not good

I submit testimony urging disapproval by non approval or based upon

either the resolution's inadequacy.

Mahalo

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Chairperson Yuki Lei Sugimura and Members of the Maui County Council
Policy, Economic Development and Agricultural Committee

Testimony re: Item PEA – 87 concerning Confirmation of Director of
Department of Water Supply

Aloha,

I have known the person, Gladys Baisa, for years and I have never doubted her integrity, nor her dogged determination to do what she thinks is good for the future. e.g. The Maui Island Plan, “show me the water rule and various ordinances. Though I often disagreed with her I never doubt her resolve.

I believe she is being played.

There is no need for the appointment of a new director when less than three months remain in the term of Allan Arakawa as mayor. On its face these appointments appear to me to be self serving..either “don't blame me, or I told you so.” This is not my reason for this testimony.

Clearly, the Resolutions you consider are legally insufficient. They contain no concrete assertions that justify a legal conclusion to approve or disapprove.

Mayor Arakawa fired the Director for two reasons. This has been known and is common knowledge. The reasons however have not been disclosed, but are discernible. The Department of Corporation Counsel approved the firing of Taylor as to form and legality. (CC 17-482) The recommended settling a lawsuit for \$100, 000 for the unprincipled argument that settlement saved the taxpayer's money. But no asserted facts are before you.

Soon after Baisa's assumption of power on November 20 2017 she for the Director authorized the exchange of real property regarding land and

location of a county water storage tank that satisfied a condition for subdivision of land belonging to Haleakala Ranch in Kula. (CC 17-483) Director Taylor as an engineer and public official, could not approve this exchange, and it is assumed the Mayor ordered him to do so. Secondly, it is known that the Department was in negotiation with a major land owner (C. Brewer) for land on the western slope of Maui for the purchase of watershed acreage. Taylor was not helping C. Brewer. Baisa has sought an appraisal of that property.

Taylor disobeyed dictates of the Mayor and was replaced by one who complied, without Council approval as is required in our charter. This Council is asked to determine whether there need be a factual basis for the decision to appoint, or not, the Director of the Department of Water Supply, before that decision is made matters.

Mahalo

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